

REMARKS

Claims 2 – 16 and 18 – 23 are pending in the present Application. Claims 3, 8 and 21 have been cancelled, and Claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12 – 14, and 16 have been amended, leaving Claims 2, 4 – 7, 9 – 16, 18 – 20, 22, and 23 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

Claims 7 and 14 have been amended merely to place these claims in independent form, including all of the limitations of the independent claim from which they depended.

Claims 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 13, and 16 have merely been amended to change their dependency to Claim 7.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments.

The Decision on Appeal dated April 30, 2010, affirmed the Examiner in part. The rejections of Claims 7, 14, 15, 18 – 20, 22, and 23 were reversed. The present claims have been amended to place Claims 7 and 14 in independent form and to render Claims 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 13, and 16, ultimately dependent from Claim 7. Hence, it is believed that the claims herein are allowable. Consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

It is believed that the foregoing remarks and amendments fully comply with the Decision on Appeal and that the claims herein are allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, allowance of the case is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-3622.

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